

more like the St. Valentine's Day massacre.

We had 10 hours, 10 hours over 2 days to debate a \$30 billion crime bill. The majority called that debate an open rule.

An open rule in this body means Members come to the well of this institution, offer an amendment. It is freely debated and it is voted on, not at the end of 10 hours we cap it off and say that is it, we are going home, we are going home on the crime bill.

Crime is the No. 1 issue across this Nation. People feel insecure in their homes. They are insecure when they walk the streets. They want Congress to provide some leadership.

So what leadership did we provide them tonight? Ten hours worth of debate; 10 hours worth of debate. In that 10 hours, you had to get your amendment accepted. I was one of the fortunate ones. I had an amendment that was accepted by both sides of the aisle, because it made a lot of sense. But I also had amendments for the Byrne grants. I was given 1 minute and 15 seconds to debate a Byrne grants amendment. Byrne grants, a program that has been around for a long time, we wanted to fight crime for more than 1 year. We wanted to provide steady funding for Byrne grants over 5 years. That funds our DARE programs, multijurisdictional undercover drug teams, and even Alabama used Byrne grants to run the prisons. One minute and 15 seconds.

I had another one, another amendment, for rural communities to share in some of this \$30 billion. We wanted 30 percent, and other Members had good amendments that were never offered. They were denied the opportunity to offer their amendments. They were denied the opportunity to debate, because we had 10 hours of debate.

Members come from all walks of life, like myself, having been a police officer for 12 years. I have some ideas on how I think crime should be fought in this country. You know, when I was a police officer, I went to work knowing that I had to put in my 8-hour shift, but many times that shift would go 10 hours, 12 hours, 16 hours. I could not stop at the end of 10 hours when I was fighting crime or doing a investigation.

At times there were major incidents that occurred in my State of Michigan; I was mobilized. I was gone for days from my home. I could not say it is 10 hours, I want to go home. Crime knows no time limit. Crime does not stop for Valentine's Day. You do not fight crime for 10 hours and then you go home because of St. Valentine's Day.

Crime occurs on Valentine's Day. Remember back in the thirties, the St. Valentine's Day massacre? Well, the old saying is history repeats itself. That is what we had here again today, Saint Valentine's Day massacre.

Let me ask the majority party who pushed through this rule on a party-line vote, when you have a missing child, are you going to stop missing that child after 10 hours? When you

have a bank robbery or breaking and entering, do you stop that investigation at the end of 10 hours? If you have a kidnaping, do you stop at the end of 10 hours? If you are getting close to the end of your shift, do you stop because you cannot go past 10 hours? You cannot apprehend a criminal because you are at that time limit?

Well, that is what happened here today. We should have stayed on the job, debated each and every amendment, and there were some of my friends on the Republican side of the aisle that never had an opportunity to offer their amendments or have them debated. We stopped at 10 hours because the majority said, "We have a Contract on America. We have to get it done."

You heard tonight they are going to start the national security debate. And guess what, we have 10 hours to debate national security. That is the kind of Contract on America they have, and they want for this country.

I want to move forward, and I want to debate these issues in an open and free rule where there are not time caps.

So remember, when crime strikes your family, when crime strikes in your community, you can thank the other party, because instead of doing something about crime tonight, we ended up going out to dinner because it is Valentine's Day.

We have more important things to do. We have plenty of amendments. Let us not run out on America. Let us not run with a contract that cannot be debated, a contract that cannot be amended, and the only value that we place on crime and national security is 10 hours.

Ladies and gentlemen, unfortunately the Contract on America has turned into another St. Valentine's Day massacre.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. OWENS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

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THE FDA DOES ITS JOB

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, there is a lot of debate in Washington about the role of the Federal Government. You hear a lot said about Federal agencies and what they do.

Let me tell you a little story about one Federal agency. Two weeks ago this agency got a phone call and a tip, and the tip was that some people in northern California shopping at a major supermarket chain had bought some infant formula, and the color of it did not look right. So they called this Federal agency in Washington, DC, which thought it was serious enough to launch an investigation.

The net result of that investigation was the discovery that someone was counterfeiting baby formula. In fact, they were taking the label that everyone might recognize of one of the most popular brands of infant formula in America and filling the contents of the can with something other than that infant formula. As a result of that discovery and the investigation, last Friday this Federal agency turned over information to the Department of Justice and an individual was arrested in Mission Viejo, CA, and charged with trafficking in counterfeit goods, and a warrant was issued for a second person.

That Federal agency discovered that this conspiracy to release these counterfeit baby formulas involved people not only in California but also in Maryland. This agency seized 38,000 pounds of fake infant formula and recovered another 6,000-plus pounds that had already been put on grocery shelves.

The agency believes that they have now confiscated all of the phony formula and they have told consumers not to be worried.

No details of the arrests have been made, because, of course, the investigation is ongoing. It turns out these counterfeiters had purchased bulk infant formula that had been manufactured for export overseas, and it turns out that infant formula manufactured for export does not have to meet the same criteria in terms of nutritional value as the infant formula does in the United States.

My kids are all grown up, and I have not bought infant formula for a long, long time, but these cans of infant formula were selling at \$10 a pop, so the folks who were out there with the counterfeit formula had a lot of money to be made if they just could have pulled this off.

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They did not get the job done.

I might mention one other thing. This agency also discovered that the plastic scoop that was enclosed in the infant formula can—everybody is familiar with it, where you take a certain measure, put a number of scoops in the bottle before you add water for